

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the Claim 1, the specification and the drawings. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims, drawings and specification are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Therefore, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has objected to the Claim 1 because the reference characters are not enclosed within parentheses. Applicant has amended the Claim 1 and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his objection.

The Examiner has rejected the Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Nakamura, et al., stating that Nakamura in Fig. 1-8 discloses the inventions substantially as claimed in Claims 1 and 2.

In reply thereto to the rejection, Applicant would like to first point out that in Applicant's invention the upper surface guard 2 and the semi-cylinder main body guards 10A and 10B are connected and integrated via the connecting and fixing tools 3 so as to function, as a whole, as a stove guard. To store and transport the stove, the upper surface guard 2 and the semi-cylinders 10A and 10B are separated for ease of storage and transportation.

With the above in mind, Applicant has carefully reviewed Nakamura, et al. and respectfully submits that in Nakamura, et al. is provided an upper guard body 18 and a lower guide body 20 which are not separated for storage. For storage, the upper part 18 merely telescopes onto the lower part 20 to shorten the overall height of the stove guard.

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Nakamura, et al. does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's invention as claimed and the Claims 1 and 2 are not anticipated thereby.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

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Submitted herewith is a substitute Fig. 5.